

House Resolution No. 2612

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Manilus Stapleton, a cherished resident of Canton, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his One Hundred First Birthday on May 19, 2004; and

Whereas, on May 19, 1903, in Quincy, Illinois, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Manilus, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, Manilus Stapleton was born the same year that the first World Series baseball game was played, Orville Wright made the first successful flight in a self-propelled airplane, and the Rolls-Royce automobile company was founded in Britain; and

Whereas, God has blessed Manilus Stapleton with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include one daughter and several grandchildren; and

Whereas, Manilus Stapleton provided a comfortable home and secure future for his loved ones through his successful endeavors as a door-to-door salesman; and

Whereas, Manilus Stapleton has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past century, some of which include camping and working on clocks; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 101, Manilus Stapleton is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Manilus Stapleton at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Manilus Stapleton, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2612, adopted May 4, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker